

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ATTN: Tricia Sieg

Please review the draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

One complicating factor in this bill is trying to identify the proper organizations. Based upon my review of the Wisconsin Lions Clubs Web site and DFI's online business entity records, I have identified the most likely organizations as the Lions of Wisconsin, Multiple District 27, of the International Association of Lions Clubs, Inc., and the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc. Please advise if these are not the entities you intended. I have also assumed that the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc., is a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity. Please advise if this is incorrect.

Another complicating factor, related to your instruction that the lion image appear on the special plates, is that the logo associated with the Lions is the subject of federal trademark protection and the holder of the rights in the respective marks is not the Wisconsin Lions affiliate. See Patent and Trademark Office records at www.uspto.gov. The attached draft requires the Wisconsin Lions affiliate to obtain, without charge, permission to use the registered marks associated with the Lions Clubs.

The attached draft includes an appropriation increase to cover the approximated cost to DOT of these special plates and includes a delayed effective date.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the draft. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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